



North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA)

Meeting Minutes

460 NE Old Belfair Hwy

4/19/2016

Present: Commissioners Kewish, McIntosh, Quigley, Miller, Severson; Executive Assistant Patti, Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper

Guests: Tina Miller - Volunteer Coordinator, new volunteers: Angel Velasquez, Amberlee Crowther and Gabriel Cook, Nathaniel Nelson; Arla Sheppard, Ernie and Shirley Aries

Tina will be providing a report on our volunteer program at next month's meeting.

Vouchers- One additional voucher for the month of April #1604101 in the amount of \$126.72 was presented for approval.

Commissioner Kewish moved to approve the vouchers as presented; Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chief Bakken provided an update on out financials. We noted we spent a lot of money in the month of April. The bulk of those expenses included the purchase of the Zoll cardiac monitor/defibrillator. We also had \$16k go out for the Station 21 building/roof repair. Both expenses will be reimbursed. One issue he mentioned is tax monies that are coming in. We have not seen the sense of urgency in the County processing these monies like we have in the past.

Commissioner Miller inquired on how the new defibrillator unit has been received by staff. Chief Bakken added it has superior technology to be able to share the information real time with the medical care staff which provides a continuum of care. Staff is going through training on the unit.

Commissioner Miller was witness to a call recently and was impressed at the excellent care our staff provided.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

PUD#3: Chief Bakken reported a notice went out indicating PUD #3 was ceasing operations at its Belfair center location. Following this notice, PUD3 retracted the decision to close the center. From our perspective we have had wonderful response times from the PUD when we have needed them during power outages and downed lines. We hope to have more information following the PUD Commissioner meeting that we can share with the board.

Last Dance: The DUI/Texting while driving awareness event will take place next Wednesday at the High School.



OLD BUSINESS:

WFOA Spring Seminar Update: Chief Bakken asked the commissioners to provide an update on the spring seminar that occurred in Ocean Shores. Commissioner Miller remarked he has a better idea of the role that Fire Commissioners play and the role Chief Bakken has regarding operations. The information presented was very useful. Commissioner Severson appreciated the information provided on public disclosure laws.

Region 9 Workshop Update: The workshop touched on the Community Paramedic Program followed by a presentation from the Fire Marshalls office. The day was well organized and very informative.

Commissioner Quigley commented on the community paramedicine program expressing concern over the financial aspects of the program. Commissioner McIntosh spoke about the data collection that would be required and the players who would need to measure and collect the data. The bottom line is a funding source has not been identified.

Community Paramedicine Program: The State Office for Rural Healthcare is very interested in the work taking place on community paramedicine. We believed we would have funding provided via a grant, however, that has been taken off the table for a concern with equality throughout all counties. The committee took a look at the one-time costs to gain a better view of overall expenses. We continue to seek ways to partner with other agencies, i.e. the tribe for funding and support.

Architecture Firm Selection: Chief Bakken reported the next steps in the process are to select an architect to design the station. The board would like to enter into a fee negotiation process to work on a price with an architecture firm. The State of WA has a fee schedule for what they use on their capital projects and many agencies use those guidelines to determine what is fair and equitable. Chief Cooper shared all the firms were very professional and provided us with useful information.

The architecture selection committee along with Chief Bakken recommends we enter into fee negotiations with TCA out of Seattle.

Commissioner Kewish made a motion to enter into a fee negotiation process with TCA as recommended; Commissioner Severson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Threat of harm policy follow-up: Following the events in Prince George County, what can we do proactively to ensure the safety of our personnel? We feel it comes down to officer discretion. While on a call, officers must make a calculated decision on what steps to take to safely provide care. Chief Bakken added, we do not do welfare checks and we take forcible entry very seriously. Calls are also reviewed after the event to evaluate if we are making the right decisions.

Public Comment: Shirley Aries asked that we speak up as it is hard to hear some of the commissioners.

Commissioner Quigley moved to adjourn; Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Present: Commissioner McIntosh, Assistant Chief Cooper, Executive Assistant Patti, Volunteer Stephanie Criess

The meeting was called to order at 6:24pm.

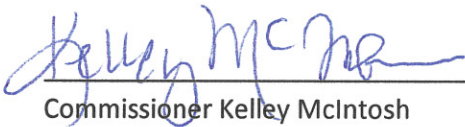
Three volunteer physicals were presented for review and approval.

Stephanie Criess made a motion to approve the physicals as presented; Assistant Chief Cooper seconded the motion; Motion approved.

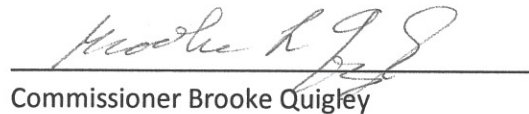
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.



Authority Secretary Katie Patti



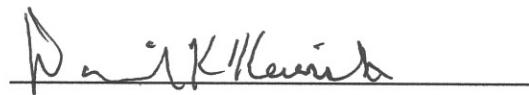
Commissioner Kelley McIntosh



Commissioner Brooke Quigley



Commissioner Bob Miller



Commissioner Daniel Kewish



Commissioner Paul Severson